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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Columbus Day Safety Message

1. Columbus Day weekend celebrates Christopher Columbus' spirit of adventure and exploration. The long holiday weekend means more travel and increased recreational activities, which increases the risk of accidents. Let's work together to prevent on and off duty accidents.

2. Commanders must ensure that everyone understands the risks of driving Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs). Four V Corps Soldiers died in preventable accidents during FY 04. Use the following programs to help build safety awareness in our units:


a. IAW USAREUR Policy Memo #3, leaders are responsible for conducting risk assessments on "high-risk and extremely high-risk Soldiers" who intend to travel over the holiday weekend.

b. POV Sensing Sessions. Discuss previous accident experiences (trends, contributing factors, control measures) within your unit, emphasizing the Designated Driver Program.

c. Safety Briefings. Commanders will conduct safety briefings prior to the holiday. Recommended topics are: defensive driving; the hazards of drinking and driving; seat belts and child restraint devices; and motorcycle safety. "Under the Oak Tree" meetings remain mandatory.

3. Do your part to protect lives by driving safe and sober. Let's work together to protect our most valuable resources: America's Soldiers, civilian employees, and their families.

4. VICTORY CORPS!

  
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